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¶11. (SBU) During an April 8 meeting, Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Rai'd Fahmi Jahid and Director General of Nuclear Technology Mohammad al-Sharaa told PolMilOffs that the GOI had drafted a non-proliferation law. They said that the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons had helped the ministry draft the legislation, adding that the GOI was now discussing the draft with the IAEA. Jahid and al-Sharaa said that the draft legislation had been approved by the Council of Ministers and forwarded to the Council of Representatives, but were unable to provide additional details about the exact status of the law in the legislative process.

¶12. (SBU) On April 11, al-Sharaa forwarded us a copy of the legislation, as well as the associated draft "Iraqi National Monitoring Directorate Law." (Note: We have e-mailed these to NEA/I-PM, USDEL OPCW, and UNVIE.)

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